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SPECIAL BRANCH REGISTRY.

File No. Y. O. 1031.

SUBJECT

Watch on movements of Nelson & Bonnivert & on the premises at 42 - Ward Rd.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

FILE 1031 5/4/17

Wayside Police Station.

April 4-th 1917

REPORT ON Taking over of arms from No 42 Ward Road By Chinese Officials.

Made by D.S.I. Cruickshank. Forwarded by Chief Detective Inspector.

Sir.

I beg most respectfully to report, that, about 4-10 p.m. 4-th inst I accompanied Mr D.S.Pang an Official from the Bureau of Foreign affairs to No 42 Ward Road occupied by Martin Bannert (German) who in his declaration to the Chinese Officials stated he had arms. On visiting the house Bannert took from a drawer 1 browning Pistol, 7 cartridges No 32 calibre he also handed over a sporting gun and 115 rounds of ammunition.

The Chinese Official spoke to Bannert in German but I myself asked Bannert if he had any more arms of any kind in the house. He replied, No, No, if you like you can look, I had a good general look around down stairs. but as his wife was sick I did not want to be offensive therefore I did not go up stairs. Bannert was very frank and complied readily with our request. He only said is this order good without the Dutch Consul Stamp, I replied yes. He replied all right but I think the Dutch Consul told me it had to be stamped by him The Chinese Official then said, No, this order is right. When we entered the house Bannert said I will go first. On the steps of the door there was a savage looking bull dog, Bannert ordered the dog to lie down and pointed his finger at it. It obeyed, but was very sulky and followed us into the room but Bannert immediately ordered him out. There was nothing suspicious about the house. I believe Bannert was telling the truth when he said he had no other arms.

Your obedient servant.

James Cruickshank D.S.I.

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Shanghai Municipal Police.

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Wayside Police Station.

March 31-st 1917.

REPORT ON Watching No 42 Ward Road .

Made by D.S.I.Cruickshank . Forwarded by Chief Detective Inspector.

Sir .

I beg most respectfully to report whilst Native Detective Sergt No 55 was watching No 42 Ward Road about 9.4._m. today he observed a man about to leave No 42 ward, he called a ricsha and placed 8 small parcels in the ricsha these parcels were about 3 inches square the detective unobserved handled them and found they were very light appeared to be tea wrapped in chinese paper .The person who took them was not Bannert . Last night Bannert's wife took seriously ill and Doctor Bart visited her last night and this morning . I thought this sickness might only be a put up job but from enquiry apparently Mrs Bannert is sick .

I am .Sir .

Your obedient Servant .

James Cruickshank

Det Sub-Inspector .

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C. I. D.
No. 1,031
23/3/17

Shanghai Municipal Police.

Wayside Police Station.
March 30-th 1917

REPORT ON Watching premises at No 42 Ward Road .

Made by D.S.I.Cruickshank . *Forwarded by*

Sir .

I beg most respectfully to report ,that, a close watch has been kept on the above mentioned premises since the 20-th inst . There has be no removal of any articles or anything suspicious .

The watching of this house takes 6 men per-day 3 plain clothes constables and 3 detectives . I have only 5 detectives at this Station therefore it is very inconvenient , I beg to suggest that immediate action be taken to search the premises or withdraw the men .

I am . Sir.

Your obedient servant .

James Cruickshank
Det Sub-Inspector .

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* C/. Wilson is detailing 4 extra men for temporary duty at W. Road
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Shanghai Municipal Police.

1031
26/3/17

Wayside Police Station.

March 26-th 1917

REPORT ON Watching of premises at No 42 Ward Road .

Made by D.S.I.Cruickshank . *Forwarded by* Chief Detective Inspector

Sir .

I beg to report, that, since the afternoon of the 20-th inst a strict watch has been kept on No 42 Ward Road , 2 men in plain clothes have been in the close vicinity all the time , Their instructions are , if they see any person leaving No 42 Ward Road with a visible parcel they are to be searched, and word immediately sent to the Police Station(which is only about 100 yards distance.) Since the watch has been on , nothing has been removed from this house, except what a person might carry in his pocket . There has been few visitors to the house , on Friday afternoon there were 4 men visited the house at different times , stayed a short time and went away without carrying anything . The resident of the house occasionally takes a walk along Ward Road with a woman . Apparently he knows that his house is being watched , because he looks direct at every chinese in the vicinity of his house when going and coming .

I am . Sir .

Your obedient servant .

James Cruickshank

Det Sub-Inspt .

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Form 2 34

Shanghai Municipal Police.

CENTRAL POLICE *Station.*

23rd March, *191* 7.

REPORT ON Nielsen.

Made by D.S.Givens. *Forwarded by* Chief Detective Inspector

Sir,

Enquiries go to show that Nielsen resides with Fromm and the latter's mistress at No. 10a Hong Shung Foong (鴻興坊) N. Honan Road Extension, Chapei. He visits 105 Chaotung Road, the Cafe Fiedler, Nanking Road, Fisher's office, No. 112 Szechuen Road, and Wootten's room in the Kalee Hotel daily.

It is very hard to shadow Nielsen at present for he keeps looking round when walking.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D.S.Givens

Detective Sergeant.

Chief Detective Inspector.

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Shanghai Municipal Police.

C. I. No. 1831
Date 23/3/17

Wayside Police Station.
March 22-nd 1917.

REPORT ON Movements of Nelson and Bannert .

Made by D.S.I.Cruickshank . *Forwarded by* Chief Detective Inspector.

Sir .

I beg to report ,that, on being informed by D.S.Givens about 1p.m. 20-th inst , that, Nelson had entered No 42 Ward Road .I took up a position on a bench in the Ward Road Market and waited for Nelson coming out . During the time that Nelson was in No 42 there were 2 German youths standing at the entrance of the Terrace and immediately before Nelson and Bannert came out these 2 youths left the mouth of the Terrace . Nelson came first sitting in a Ricsha immediately followed by Bannert who was also in a ricsha ,They turned East along the Ward Road, down Chusan Road and along Wayside Road to the junction of Broadway and Muirhead Road where Bannert took Tram-trailer No 80 and proceeded in said trailer till the corner of Woochang Road where he left the car and went along Woochang Road , there I met D.S.Givens who took up the trail .

When Nelso came out of No 42 Ward Road I had a full view of his face and he was as pale as a corpse . Bannert had the appearance also of being greatly disturbed. I am positive both men knew they were being watched.

Bannert has resided at No 42 Ward Road for some considerable time .He has a Russian woman for a wife , but it is generally believed they are not married. Bannert is a very bigoted German and of blustering disposition . He keeps a very large german wolf hound supposed to be very savage and about 2 or 3 days ago he got another wolf hound, there are now 2 kept in his house. I believe these men are up to some devilment .

Your obedient servant
James Cruickshank.

Cpt. 23/3

Combine watch

23/3

Between 12-1 N. visit
Cafe Neumann's Cafe.

1. If alone, nothing doing.

2. If with B., follow to B's home.

3. If with a parcel (thing) in his hand

are in B's house.

go in and search

4. If without a parcel —
nothing doing.

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1,031

Shanghai Municipal Police.

CENTRAL POLICE *Station.*

21st March, 1917.

REPORT ON Nielsen's Information re Arms.

Made by D.S.Givens. *Forwarded by*

Sir,

With reference to the story that Nielsen had a parcel when he came out from No. 42 Ward Road about 1.40 p.m. 20th inst., I beg to report that he was seen emerging from the house by D.S.I. Cruikshank, Interpreter Zau and C.D.C. 87. All three state that he had no parcel.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D.S.Givens

Detective Sergeant.

Chief Detective Inspector.

FORM 1

Memorandum.

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FROM THE POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
Wayside STATION,
Shanghai, March 21st 1917

To Chief Det Inspt
Central

Sir,
Regarding the attached correspondence I have stationed 2 men to watch back & front doors of the mentioned premises and will keep them there until further instructions according to Capt Supti orders

Your obedient Servant
James Cruickshank
D.S.I.

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Form 2

CONFIDENTIAL.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

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CENTRAL POLICE Station.

20th March, 1917.

REPORT ON Watch on Nielsen and Baumert.

Made by D.S.Givens. *Forwarded by* Chief Detective Inspector.

Sir,

Regarding attached, I beg to report that Nielsen and Baumert emerged from Neuman's restaurant at 1.00 p.m., the former empty handed. They went to No. 42 Ward Road, where they stayed half an hour. They then came out, and boarded a tram car. Baumert got off at Broadway, and went into Pasche's restaurant. Nielsen got off at the Bund, and entered the Dutch Bank.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D.S.Givens

Detective Sergeant.

Chief Detective Inspector.

C.I.

Keep the boys carefully watched until further instructions.

21/3/17

Chief Inspector

21 MAR 1917

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Memorandum.

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POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, 16/3/ 1917

To C.D.I.

Nielsen is reported to have paid his bill and left the Astor House last Sunday week 11.

Can you find out where he lives now?

A.D.T.